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In the application of :  
Larry Neil Mackey et al. : Confirmation No. 6640  
Serial No. 09/914,966 : Group Art Unit 1714  
Filed September 6, 2001 : Examiner

For Absorbent, Flexible, Structure Comprising Starch Fibers

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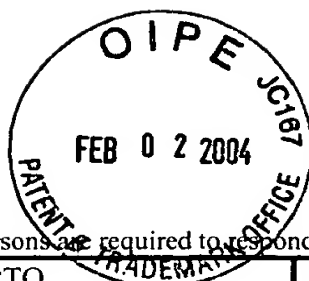
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